

# FISCAL NOTE

## SJR 36

February 26, 2003

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Proposes to amend Article VI of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee by adding a new Section 15 to require: *Each judge of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, the Court of Criminal Appeals, the Circuit and Chancery Courts and other Inferior Courts shall be elected in an open, competitive election in which other qualified candidates for the office may be listed on the ballot and in which the candidate receiving the greatest number of votes is elected to such office.*

Upon ratification of this amendment at the November 2006 general election, Article VI, Section 15 shall apply to vacancies arising for any reason on or after January 1, 2007.

This amendment shall be referred to the 104th General Assembly and this resolution proposing such amendment shall be published by the Secretary of State in accordance with Article XI, Section 3, of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee.

### ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

#### Increase State Expenditures - \$20,000 One-Time

Assumes a one-time cost to the Secretary of State of \$20,000 to publish notice of this amendment in certain newspapers as required by this resolution. This publication would occur in the Spring of 2004.

### CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director